

CAR ACCIDENT QUICK REFERENCE

PRINT THIS OUT AND KEEP IN YOUR CAR

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DO:

- ✓ USE YOUR HAZARD LIGHTS
- ✓ TAKE A PICTURE OF THE OTHER CAR FROM INSIDE YOUR CAR
- ✓ LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE IN PLACE IF SAFE AND THE ACCIDENT IS MORE THAN A FENDER BENDER

DON'T:

- ✓ LEAVE THE SCENE
- ✓ LOSE YOUR TEMPER



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DO:

- ✓ CHECK ON OTHERS IN YOUR VEHICLE
- ✓ CHECK ON OTHERS IN THE OTHER VEHICLE
- ✓ IF ANYONE SEEMS INJURED, CALL 911 PRIOR TO DOING ANYTHING ELSE.

DON'T:

- ✓ TRY TO MOVE SOMEONE WITH NECK OR BACK PAIN



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DO:

- ✓ TALK TO WITNESSES, GET THEIR INFO
- ✓ IF THEY'LL ALLOW, VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORD THEIR STATEMENTS
- ✓ TALK TO THE POLICE AT THE INCIDENT

DON'T:

- ✓ ADMIT FAULT TO ANYONE INCLUDING POLICE



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DO:

- ✓ EXCHANGE INFO WITH OTHER DRIVERS
- ✓ RECORD ALL DRIVER'S DL'S, LICENSE PLATES, AND INSURANCE CO. / POLICY NUMBER
- ✓ TAKE AS MANY PHOTOS AS YOU CAN OF BOTH YOUR CAR AND THEIRS'S.
- ✓ TAKE PHOTOS OF ANY INJURIES

DON'T:

- ✓ APOLOGIZE OR SAY ANYTHING INCRIMINATING. JUST STAY CIVIL AND HELPFUL.



AFTERWARD

✓ DON'T RECORD A STATEMENT OR SIGN ANYTHING.

IF ANY INSURANCE COMPANY CALLS YOU (EVEN YOUR OWN), DON'T AGREE TO BEING RECORDED, OR SIGN ANY AGREEMENTS. YOU SHOULD SPEAK WITH AN ATTORNEY FIRST.

✓ GET HELP FROM AN ATTORNEY

INSURANCE COMPANIES WILL LOOK TO MITIGATE YOUR CLAIM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THEY WILL USE ANY DETAIL OF YOUR INCIDENT OR LIFE SITUATION TO DO SO. YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

✓ GET MEDICAL ATTENTION RIGHT AWAY

EVEN IF YOU BELIEVE YOU WEREN'T INJURED, SEE A DOCTOR. DOING SO CAN MAKE YOUR CASE MUCH EASIER LATER.

✓ DON'T POST ABOUT YOUR ACCIDENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS (EVEN IF YOU THINK THEY'RE NOT PUBLIC) CAN COMPROMISE YOUR CASE

ACCIDENT INFO SHEET

Date and time of accident: _____

Location of the accident: _____

Describe the accident: Write down all the details you can remember

DRIVER INFO - VEHICLE AND INSURANCE

 Full name: _____

 Phone: _____

 Insurance company: _____

 License plate number: _____

 Vehicle make and model: _____

 Vehicle color: _____

 Description of damage: _____

WITNESS 1 INFO

 Full name: _____

 Phone: _____

 Statement: _____

WITNESS 1 INFO

 Full name: _____

 Phone: _____

 Statement: _____

Police Information

Officer name: _____

Badge number: _____

Phone number: _____

Law enforcement agency: _____

Accident report number: _____

Police Information

- Location of accident and surroundings
- All vehicles involved
- License plate numbers
- Damage to your vehicle
- Damage to other vehicles
- Property damage